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**SERIAL BANK ROBBER SENTENCED**

**Baltimore**, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that U.S. District Court Chief Judge Benson E. Legg today sentenced Juan Deante Dixon, age 31, of Baltimore, Maryland to 18 years in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release arising from Dixon's guilty plea to four armed bank robberies.

Dixon, together with his associates Billy Campbell Harding, Dante Rolando Harris and Allistair Guerra conspired to rob 11 banks in Baltimore, Howard, Anne Arundel, Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties between January and July of 2002. The defendants either entered the following banks during business hours at gunpoint, or followed bank employees home after business hours where they were abducted and forced to provide access to the banks:

First Federal Financial Credit Union	Catonsville, MD	\$18,449	1/11/02
Provident Bank	Gaithersburg, MD	23,963	2/12/02
Old Line National Bank	Accokeek, MD	8,550	3/11/02
Branch Banking & Trust	Columbia, MD	21,120	3/29/02
Provident Bank of Maryland	Gaithersburg, MD	attempted	5/14/02
Key Bank & Trust	Randallstown, MD	attempted	5/24/02
Farmer's Bank of Maryland	Crofton, MD	33,807	5/28/02
Farmer's Bank of Maryland	Glen Burnie, MD	28,563	6/22/02
Farmers and Mechanics Bank	Catonsville, MD	11,833	7/3/02

First Mariner Bank	Severna Park, MD	18,293	7/15/02
Key Bank and Trust	Ellicott, MD	5,035	7/29/02

Harris pleaded guilty on his fifth day of trial and was immediately sentenced on January 12, 2004 to 50 years in prison. Harding was convicted after trial and sentenced in August, 2003 to 96 years in prison. Guerra pleaded guilty and was sentenced in May, 2003 to 16 years imprisonment.

The case is a result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James G. Warwick and P. Michael Cunningham.